Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall)

IRREGULAR OPERATIONS CONTINGENCY PLAN

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall) has prepared this Irregular Operations Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Mr. John A. Stewart at jstewart@bwiairport.com. BWI Marshall is filing this plan with the US Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport or (2) this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, BWI Marshall will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and
- Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

BWI Marshall has facility constraints that limit its ability to accommodate diverted flights which can also negatively impact the airport's continued safe operation. We strongly encourage aircraft operators to contact the Airport at (410) 859-7018 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: Limited Gate, Apron, and Cargo Ramp Parking, especially for Large Aircraft. We have noted these constraints in the BWI Marshall Airport/Facility Directory record. During diversion events BWI Marshall issues NOTAMs and posts information in PASSUR regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the airport and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operations events.

Airport Information

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Airport Category: Large Hub X Medium Hub□ Small Hub □ Non Hub□

Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the 24/7 Airport Operations Center at (410) 859-7018 for assistance.

Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays

BWI Marshall does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft and is, therefore, unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers. Additionally, airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. We will provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number on the preceding page.

Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency

All gates at BWI Marshall are designated as either Common Use or Preferential Use with the majority being designated as Preferential Use. The Common Use gates are under the control of the airport while the Preferential Use gates are not fully controlled by the airport. When necessary, we will make our Common Use gates and other facilities available, and will direct our Preferential Use tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available, to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, to the extent practicable.

Plan to Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection

BWI Marshall has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. We will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures that will allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practicable.

Public Access to the Irregular Operations Contingency Plan

BWI Marshall will provide public access to its irregular operations contingency plan through the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (http://bwiairport.com).